

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order by Chairman Paul Neves at 7:35 PM, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chair, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk,

Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Absent: Rosa Crowley

I. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members. A moment of silence was observed for Cumberland High School student, Jacob Smith.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Wood and Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the agenda.

III. Chairperson's Report - The Chair commented on the tragedy of the

senior at Cumberland High School who was killed Friday.

IV. Comments from the Public

- A. Public Comment - None.
- B. Student Government Report - Jason Anastasiades highlighted their activities with raising money for Katrina victims and the work SOS did for the bond.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Property Committee — Mr. Wood disseminated a fee schedule for use of facilities for review:

| Location | Resident | Non-Resident |
|------------------|----------|--------------|
| Auditorium | \$125 | 175 |
| Cafeteria | 50 | 90 |
| Multi-Purpose Rm | 65 | 95 |
| Gym (wood floor) | 125 | 175 |
| Pool | 150 | 300 |
| Field (w/lights) | 60 | 90 |
| Soccer Field | 50 | 75 |
| Playground | 0 | 50 |
| Classroom | 35 | 70 |

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| Art Room | 45 | 90 |
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B. Rules and Regulations - Mr. DaCosta reported meeting on the rental policy for use of facilities and will bring the policy to the full committee in October.

C. Finance Committee

1. Payment of Invoices - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the payment of invoices in the amount of \$903,501.53.

2. Bids

a. On a motion by Mr. Cosa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the purchase of Dell computers through the State MPA, in the amount of \$5,415.55 (budgeted):

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| CHS (Auto Shop | 1 Dell Opti-Plex GX520 Computer | \$ 982.63 |
| CMS (Library) | 1 Dell Opti-Plex GX520 Computer | 982.63 |
| CMS (Library) | 1 Dell Latitude D510 | 1,412.17 |
| Community (Admin) | 1 Dell Latitude D610 Laptop | 2,038.08 |

b. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the purchase from Digital Support Corporation, 800 Microsoft licenses in the amount of \$29,827.44 (budgeted).

c. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the purchase of Pro Quest On Line Reference Services from Cumberland High School Budget (Library) in the amount of \$7,181.00.

d. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the purchase of RINET service for the

2006-06 School Year (Budgeted) - Internet access: \$17,781 less E-Rate reimbursement of \$7,645.83 - not to exceed \$10,135.17.

e. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the purchase of RINET service for the 2005-06 School Year (budgeted) - Router Rental and Management: \$32,400 less E-Rate reimbursement of \$13,932 - not to exceed \$18,468.

f. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the bid for boiler repair by Commercial Heating of Cumberland for a one year contract in the amount of \$4,570 with an hourly rate of \$96.00.

g. Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the upgrades to the sound system in the auditorium by Communications Systems Inc. of North Providence, RI, not to exceed the amount of \$6,240. Mr. Thibodeau provided a second. The Business Manager explained these are upgrades requested by the High School Music Department and would be paid for with grant funding. This is not a change order, but an extension of the original contract. She emphasized the need to have the installer perform the additional work to preserve the warranty.

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Discussion ensued regarding the protection of the warranty versus the requirement to go out to bid.

Mr. Costa made a motion to table. Mr. DaCosta provided a second. Mr. Rotella reviewed the document with Ms. Dutremble and agreed with Ms. Dutremble's explanation. On a motion by Mr. Costa and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-1 TO WITHDRAW the table, with Mr. Thibodeau voting against. Ms. Dutremble explained the original work was part of the CHS2010 auditorium work subcontracted to CSI by DePasqual. This is now an addition to the sound system. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 4-2 TO APPROVE the original motion, with Mr. Neves and Mr. Thibodeau voting against.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent presented the following:

1. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the following appointments:

a. Sara Smith, .8 English/Social Studies Teacher at North Cumberland Middle School, effective September 12, 2005 (Step 1, no Advanced Lane, Budgeted).

b. Kevin Dunphy, Full Time Assistant Football Coach at Cumberland High School, effective September 23, 2005 (Budgeted).

c. John Jalette, Part Time Assistant Football Coach at Cumberland High School, effective September 23, 2005 (Budgeted).

d. Seven Jerault, Freshman Football Coach at Cumberland High School, effective September 23, 2005 (Budgeted).

Mr. Costa made a motion to recess to Executive Session. Mr. DaCosta provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session recessed at 8:10 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 8:30 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

2. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Keith Colwell, Industrial Arts Teacher at North Cumberland Middle School, effective September 12, 2005 (Step 1, no Advanced Lane, Budgeted). The Superintendent introduced the appointee.

3. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the request of Melissa McDowell, Special Education Teacher at Garvin School, for a Maternity Leave of Absence effective November 11, 2005 to the end of 2005-2006 school year.

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4. The request for appointment of Ronald Silva, Part Time Assistant Football Coach at Cumberland High School, effective September 23,

2005, was WITHDRAWN. The Superintendent noted this was at the request of the Athletic Director.

VII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent congratulated everyone for their efforts on the Phase III bond organization and thanked SOS for their work. She encouraged everyone to vote. Mr. Wood reported that under the 3.5 Building Committee, the bleachers are going up and the track is done. Work continues on the windows and doors.

B. Search Committee Update - The Superintendent reported there are currently no searches.

C. Home Schooling Instruction Requests - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the requests of three families.

D. District Strategic Planning - The Superintendent introduced The High School Principal who gave an update on the beginning of the year regarding NEASC and work that has been going on at the High School. Mr. Driscoll gave a presentation with the assistance of student, Kyle Black, of work done to the facility, the new proficiency standards starting with the Class of 2008, athletics and extra curricular activities.

VIII. New Business

A. Transportation Update - Mr. Geiselman reported there were a few minor glitches and many problems have been resolved. They

processed over 125 requests for alternate drop off and pick up. The bus company manager reported they have 44 buses, 37 a.m. and p.m. routes and they are running a late bus every day and an extra one on Friday, sport and field trips as needed.

IX. Superintendent Report - The Superintendent commended the staff and Mr. Neves for their response to the tragedy. She extended personal condolences, noting Jacob Smith had been one of her students.

X. Comments from the Public - None

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported on JJ McLaughlin Cumberland Hill PTO activities with bingo night. He asked everybody to support the bond. Mr. DaCosta extended condolences to the Smith family. Mr. Costa offered kudos to Mr. Driscoll for his leadership at the High School. Ms. Teel reminded people to vote Tuesday, noting they are looking for volunteers for a mail drop on Monday. Mr. Neves asked everyone who can to go to the polls on Tuesday. He noted negotiations with the CTA are coming up and requested committee members make their proposals for changes and submit them to the Superintendent by October 15th.

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XII. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

2. Central Administrators' Contracts

3. Non-Contractual Salaries

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Wood provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session recessed at 9:56 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 9:31 p.m. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session Minutes.

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary